

# LAKE HAVASU CITY, ARIZONA

## CLASS SPECIFICATION

### CLASS TITLE: Firefighter

BAND	GRADE	
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<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> Fire	<b>ACCOUNTABLE TO:</b> Fire Captain	<b>FLSA STATUS:</b> Non-Exempt
<b>CLASS SUMMARY:</b> Incumbents are responsible for providing emergency fire suppression and medical services and for responding to non-emergency situations. Duties include: responding to rescue emergencies and hazardous material emergencies; rescuing individuals from emergency situations; responding to fire and medical emergencies; performing skilled work in patient assessment, treatment and transportation; participating in continuous educational activities/classes; positioning and operating hoses; and, performing Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or Paramedic functions.		
<b>DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:</b> The Firefighter is the first level of a six level firefighter series. The Firefighter is distinguished from the Fire Engineer in that the Firefighter does not have primary responsibility for pumping, maintenance and driving fire equipment. Incumbents are required to perform shift work.		

DUTY NO.	ESSENTIAL DUTIES: (These duties are a representative sample; position assignments may vary. The job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employee and the City and is subject to change as needs and job requirements change.)	FRE-QUENCY	
1.	a. Responds to fire alarms and performs firefighting duties such as laying and connecting hose, holding nozzles, directing water streams, ventilating buildings and raising and climbing ladders; or,  b. Performs Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation and first aid to include: assessing, treating and transporting patients; determines and initiates proper emergency procedures for life threatening injuries and illnesses.	Daily	
2.	Rescues individuals by removing persons from dangerous environments or protecting them from dangerous conditions.	Daily	

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3.	Performs general maintenance and repair duties to include: cleaning and maintaining the facility and the grounds and testing and performing maintenance and minor repairs on fire-fighting apparatus and equipment.	Daily	
4.	Responds to other emergency calls such as hazardous material, auto extrication, water rescue, confined space entry and high angle rescues.	Weekly	
5.	Participates in training classes in order to enhance firefighting, first aid and emergency response techniques.	Weekly	
6.	Performs salvage operations such as sweeping and pumping water, removing debris and performing general clean up.	Monthly	
7.	Performs other duties of a similar nature or level.	As Required	

#### **Knowledge** (position requirements at entry):

Knowledge of:

- Firefighter safety and survival techniques;
- Fire behavior and building construction;
- Fire suppression techniques and strategies;
- Basic maintenance techniques;
- Basic and/or advanced life support techniques such as Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation and patient assessment and treatment techniques.

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**Skills** (position requirements at entry):

Skill in:

- Assessing and treating illnesses or injuries;
- Applying cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid methods and techniques;
- Performing fire suppression activities such as laying hose and directing water streams;
- Operating basic hand tools and power tools;
- Performing basic building and equipment maintenance and repair activities;
- Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

**Training and Experience** (position requirements at entry):

High School Diploma or General Equivalency Diploma (G.E.D.) and graduate of firefighting academy; or, an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job such as those listed above.

**Licensing Requirements** (position requirements at entry):

Positions require:

- Incumbents to be 18 or older;
- Valid Arizona Driver's License;
- Possession of NFPA 1001 Firefighter I/II (Chapters 3 and 4) Certification issued by the Office of the Arizona State Fire Marshal, or other state or federal NFPA equivalent;
- Possession and maintenance of Arizona State Certification or National Registry Certification as an EMT or Paramedic and ability to maintain continuing education requirements at the minimum level established. Must obtain and maintain medical control issued by Havasu Regional Medical Center .

**Physical Requirements:**

Positions in this class typically require: climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, fingering, grasping, feeling, talking, hearing and seeing and repetitive motions.

Compliance with and ability to maintain physical fitness program standards as prescribed .

Incumbents may be subjected to moving mechanical parts, electrical currents, vibrations, fumes, odors, dusts, gases, poor ventilation, chemicals, oils, extreme temperatures, inadequate lighting, work space restrictions, intense noises and travel.

Very Heavy Work: Exerting in excess of 165 pounds of force occasionally, and/or in excess of 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or in excess of 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects.

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